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SUBJECT: ISRAELI-IRANIAN COOPERATION IN ARMS PRODUCTION

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. THE ISRAELIS HAVE RAISED WITH US THEIR STRONG DESIRE FOR ISRAELI-IRANIAN COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF ARMS DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER, I SAID THAT WE WERE NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, I TOLD THE ISRAELIS THAT WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFICS OF ISRAELI-IRANIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT OR PRODUCTION OF SENSITIVE ITEMS WERE INVOLVED. AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH A SENSITIVE CASE WOULD BE THE ISRAELI DESIRE TO DEVELOPE A LONG-RANGE SURFACE-TO - SURFACE MISSILE FOR THE IRANIANS.

2. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS FURTHER WITH ISRAELI DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN THE COMING MONTHS. THE ISRAELIS HAVE TOLD US OF CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT AT THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT LEVELS. IRANIANS ARE EXPECTING US TO RAISE MATTER WITH THEM. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELIS. THEREFORE, IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION THE THE SHAH INFORM HIM OF MY CONVERSATIONS IN JERUSALEM AND THE ESSENTIAL FACT THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT OPPOSE, IN PRINCIPLE, JOINT ISRAELI-IRANIAN COOPERATION IN ARMS DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION,

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ALTHOUGH WE WILL INSIST ON THE RIGHT TO REVIEW SENSITIVE ITEMS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
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